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1. DURING FOURTH QUARTER OF 1977 A TOTAL OF 70 TRIPS
(INVOLVING TOTAL 126 PERSONS) WERE REGISTERED WITH THE
DIPLOMATIC AGENCY IN LENINGRAD. TEN DESTINATIONS WERE
REQUESTED. TRIPS OUTSIDE THE CONSULAR DISTRICT WERE
MADE TO KIEV AND TO CENTRAL ASIA.

2. NO TRIP REGISTRATIONS REQUESTED BY DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL
WERE REFUSED, BUT TWO VISA REQUESTS BY AMCIT NANNIES WERE
REJECTED. DIPLOMATIC AGENCY ENFORCED THE TWENTY-ONE DAY
RULE ON APPLICATIONS FOR ADDING EXTRA BORDER POINTS TO
VISAS (REFTEL B) IN ONE CASE, BUT WAIVED IT IN ANOTHER.
DIPAGENCY IMPOSED 21 DAY RULE ON APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT-
ENTRY VISAS FOR AMERICAN NANNIES' TRIPS TO FINLAND (REFTEL
A), BUT DID NOT APPLY IT CONSISTENTLY.

3. IN RECENT CASE (JANUARY 5, 1978) INVOLVING BROTHER-IN-
LAW OF GSO BLEYLE, RANDOLPH HOBSON, DIPLOMATIC AGENCY EN-
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FORCED THE 21 DAY RULE FOR FINLAND. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
DIPAGENCY REPRESENTATIVE L' A. TSVETKOV, CONGENOFFS WERE
TOLD HOBSON COULD RECEIVE AN EXIT VISA UNDER THE NORMAL
ONE DAY NOTIFICATION RULE BUT THAT HE COULD NOT BE ISSUED
A RE-ENTRY VISA EXCEPT WITH 21 DAYS NOTICE. TSVETKOV
MAY HAVE OFFERED A COMPROMISE BY SUGGESTING THAT HOBSON .
MIGHT ACCEPT AN EXIT VISA AND APPLY TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY

IN HELSINKI FOR A RE-ENTRY VISA, BUT THE RISK WAS DEEMED UNACCEPTABLE.

4. IN ANOTHER CASE, JOAN ADAMAITIS, NANNY FOR TEACHER CHARLES HOPKINS' FAMILY, REQUESTED EXIT-ENTRY VISA FOR TRIP TO FINLAND ON DECEMBER 8 FOR DECEMBER 16-20, AND IT WAS GRANTED.

5. FSIO HOWARD DANIEL RECENTLY APPLIED FOR, AND OBTAINED ADDITION OF BREST BORDER POINT TO HIS VISA IN LESS THAN THE 21 DAY PERIOD. HE APPLIED ON DECEMBER 19, TO TRAVEL JANUARY 7 BUT RETAINED HIS PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO FINLAND UNTIL DECEMBER 29 WHEN HE SUBMITTED IT AND RECEIVED IT BACK THE SAME DAY WITH THE REQUESTED ADDITION MADE. HE WAS UNABLE TO TRAVEL BEYOND VILNIUS, HOWEVER, DUE TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES' INABILITY TO SUPPLY HIM WITH ROUTING INFORMATION IN TIME TO SCHEDULE A TRIP TO POLAND, BUT HE REGARDS SCHEDULING PROBLEM AS RESULT OF BUREAUCRATIC INCOMPETENCE RATHER THAN A DE FACTO TURNDOWN.

6. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, MR. DANIEL REPORTS THAT WHILE IN VILNIUS HE AND HIS SPOUSE ASKED FOR AN RECEIVED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO KAUNAS AND WERE GIVEN PERMISSION TO VISIT TRAKAI (A TOURIST AREA) WITHOUT ASKING FOR IT. MISS ADAMAITIS, WHO REQUESTED VISA TO VISIT VILNIUS AND KAIMO, LITHUANIA ON OCTOBER 14, WAS PERMITTED TO TRAVEL UNCLASSIFIED

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ONLY TO VILNIUS.

7. COMMENT. POST FEELS RETALIATION IS IN ORDER FOR HOBSON REFUSAL. END COMMENT. BUCHANAN

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